

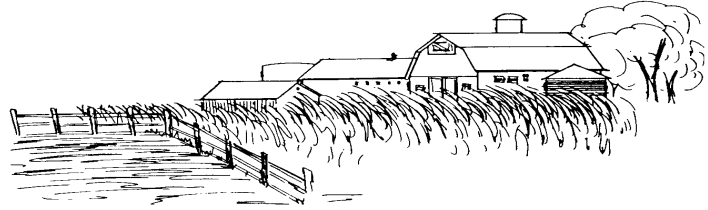


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Cattle and Calf Inventory

UTAH: Cattle and calf inventory as of January 1, 2005 totaled 860,000 head, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service. This was the same as January 1, 2004. Beef cows, at 347,000 head, were 4,000 head less than 2004. Milk cows, at 88,000 head, were 1,000 head less than 2004. Beef cow replacement heifers, at 65,000 head, was the same as 2004. Milk cow replacement heifers, at 45,000 head, was up 5,000 head from last year. Other heifers not intended for replacement totaled 70,000 head, the same as 2004. The January 1, 2005 inventory level of steers weighing 500 pounds or more was 110,000 head, same as last year. Bulls weighing over 500 pounds inventory were 22,000 head, the same as 2004. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds on hand as of January 1, 2005 totaled 113,000 head, the same as the previous year. The 2004 calf crop of 390,000 head remained the same as 2003.

UNITED STATES: All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2005, totaled 95.8 million head, 1 percent above the 94.9 million on January 1, 2004. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.1 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2004. Beef cows, at 33.06 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2004. Milk cows, at 9.01 million, were up slightly from January 1, 2004. Other class estimates on January 1, 2005, and the change from January 1, 2004, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.7 million, up 2 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.75 million, up 4 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 4.13 million, up 3 percent. Other heifers, 9.79 million, down slightly. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, up 1 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.22 million, up 1 percent. Calves under 500 pounds, 15.4 million, up 1 percent. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.7 million, down slightly. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 27.9 million, up 2 percent.

The 2004 calf crop was estimated at 37.6 million head, down 1 percent from 2003. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, down 1 percent from 2003.